

Category #14:

The Guidelines should limit phosphate cleaning product compounds.

State Response:

6NYCRR Part 659, which regulate household cleansing products, states that products cannot contain more than 0.5% by weight of total phosphorus. Since 1976, these regulations have prohibited phosphorus compounds in excess of trace or incidental quantities, defined in the regulation as 0.5%. OGS has to abide by state regulation 6NYCRR Part 659. Therefore, allowing the use of phosphate for the manufacture of cleaning products would violate State Law. Similarly, Green Seal and Environmental Choice require that products must not be formulated or manufactured with phosphates.

Frequently Asked Public Comment:

Phosphate Allowance

--The OGS/Green Seal guidelines allow for phosphates.

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